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## **Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command**

### **COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND SAFETY**

Columbus Day is the first national holiday in fiscal year 2008. Last year TRADOC had four fatalities before this holiday. These losses are unacceptable, and we need to take positive action to prevent a repeat of that experience this year. As leaders, we need to focus on Army core values and instill a Warrior Ethos within our Soldiers. We need to remind our Soldiers that when making personal decisions off duty, they need to remember integrity – doing what's right, legally, and morally. Soldiers need to make the right decisions regarding POV and motorcycle usage, not because leaders are ordering them to do so, but because it is the right thing to do. Let's make a difference this year, not just for us and our Soldiers, but for the Army.

I want your personal involvement – positive leadership at all command levels is imperative. Focus on recognizing junior leaders and individuals who are doing well and are making a difference. Public recognition for a job well done goes a long way to motivate others to do the same. Sometimes we put our focus on what has gone wrong; it is time to shift focus to what has gone well.


In addition to POV accident prevention, I want you to think about the next few months. Winter season will be upon us and with cold weather, we have cold and flu season. It is not too early to start winter health and safety planning.

We need to instill safety as a value within our Soldiers. Safety isn't just something we do; safety is a part of who we are.

Victory Starts Here!

### **LEADERSHIP--FORCE PROTECTION--SAFETY**



  
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